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ICAN REVOLUTION. Volumes 1 to 40. 1916, Press of Pierpont, Sumter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. (Mrs. Samuel A. Ammon, Pittsburgh, Pa., Editor), pp. 424.

A book indispensable to searchers for Revolutionary ancestors.

THE NEW PURCHASE OR SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS IN THE FAR WEST. By Robert Carlton, Esq. (Baynard Rush Hall), Indiana. Centennial Edition. Edited by James Albert Woodburn, Professor of American History, Indiana University. Princeton University Press, Princeton (&c.), 1916, pp. 522.

Princeton University has done a good work in republishing "The New Purchase," a book long out of print, which has been pronounced as one of the best works ever written concerning life in the West. The "New Purchase" was part of Indiana. Hall went to Indiana about 1823, travelled widely, met and observed many new and various social conditions and wrote a most vivid account of his experiences. The present edition has been well edited and a key given to the characters and places presented under fictitious names in the original publication. Any one who wishes to get a very real insight into life in the West (north of the Ohio) at that period must read this book.

ANDREW JOHNSON, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE. By Clifton R. Hall, Ph. D., Assistant Professor in History and Politics in Princeton University. Princeton University Press, Princeton (&c.), 1916, pp. 234.

A valuable study of the life of Andrew Johnson in 1862-1865. The author states that he has particularly desired to show how the lessons learned by Johnson in reconstructing his own state, constituted a training for the work to which he was called in a national capacity.

THE RYERSON GENEALOGY. Genealogy and History of the Knickerbocker Families of Ryerson, Ryerse, Ryerss; also of Adnace and Martense Families; all descendants of Martin and Adrian Ryeroz (Ryerozen) of Amsterdam, Holland. By Albert Winslow Ryerson. Edited by Alfred L. Holman, probably printed for Edward L. Ryerson, Chicago, 1916, pp. 433.

This is one of the handsomest and most carefully prepared genealogies which has ever been issued. It is a worthy memorial to an ancient Dutch family which settled in New Amsterdam.

SOCIAL LIFE IN ENGLAND, 1750-1850. By F. J. Foakes Jackson. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1916, pp. 338.

This volume contains a course of Lowell Lectures delivered in Boston in March, 1916. Mr. Foakes has lifted his subject from cut and dry statistics and quotations so often found in books of this sort, and illustrates social life in England by telling of examples of the lives of the

people. He begins with the Wesley family for life in the eighteenth century, and follows with Crabbe, the life of Margaret Catchpole, Gunning's "Reminiscences of Cambridge," the Creevy Papers of the time of the Regency following with England as shown in the writings of Dickens and Thackeray, and concluding with a striking chapter on sport and rural England. The book gives a new and very interesting view of English life.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. By Matthew Page Andrews, M. A., 151 illustrations and 25 black-and-white maps in the text; also frontispiece and two maps in full color. Philadelphia and London, pp. 368, XXVIII, II, and index.

This is a scholarly and very "readable" book for students of the seventh and eighth grades. "No better book can be found by the man or woman who desires in a single volume a complete survey of our country's history," is the verdict of one who is thoroughly acquainted with this very useful and attractive volume.

A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE. By Carlton J. H. Hayes, Associate Professor of History in Columbia University, 2 volumes. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1916, pp. xxv, 581; vii, 767, with 38 maps.

"A timely, accurate and brilliantly written history of modern Europe from 1500 to the present war, in which the emphasis is placed on recent happenings or at least those events of the past which have had a direct bearing on the present.

At his point of departure the author has chosen the world discoveries, the mighty commercial expansion, and the religious turmoil of Europe in the sixteenth century, for with that date modern world politics and the steady growth of nationalism may be said to begin, and the great central theme of modern history emerges—the rise of the bourgeoisie. Not only has the author devoted several admirable chapters to social and economic developments, but he has utilized every part of the narrative in injecting some social or economic explanation of the chief political facts. He has welded political and social history into a real synthesis. The "critical bibliographies are unusually suggestive."

No more valuable book of its kind has been published during the year.